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FAIRFIELD MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTED RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JOHN CHRISTOPHER WOODWORTH, 58, of Fairfield, pleaded guilty today. The guilty plea was entered before United States District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to Attempted Receipt and Possession of Child Pornography.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation as part of the Department of Justice Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative aimed at reducing gun violence by joint investigations of firearms offenses.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys Camil Skipper and Carolyn Delaney, who prosecuted the case, the defendant admitted ordering images depicting the sexual exploitation of minors online during the summer of 2007.

A search warrant executed at the defendant's home on September 19, 2007, revealed that he possessed over 1000 image files and 300 video files on computer storage that depicted minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Karlton on April 29, 2008 at 9:30 a.m., although as part of his plea, the defendant has agreed to serve 97 months in a federal prison. The maximum statutory penalty for a violation of Attempted Receipt of Child Pornography is 20 years incarceration with a fine of \$250,000.

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